IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Noriaki Hashimoto)
Serial No. 10/823,542))) Everniner: M.H. Dhen
Filed: 4/14/2004) Examiner: M.U. Phan)
) Group Art Unit: 2616
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
OPERATION OF A RESILIENT)
CLOSED COMMUNICATION)
NETWORK WITHOUT A DEDICATED)
PROTECTION NETWORK SEGMENT)

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action of September 26, 2007, the period for response being extended for three months by the payment of the appropriate extension fees.

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